

# Board Briefs .....August 1, 2016

The U.S.D. 409 Board of Education met on Monday, August 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Community Room.

## CALL TO ORDER

President Herb Gwaltney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed patrons and staff to the meeting.

## ORDERING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda, as presented.

## REPORTS

The Board received beginning of school year information, which included the following information:

- August 10 – Welcome Back – Opening Session for all staff
- August 12 – AMS Back to School Night
- August 15 – AES Back to School Night
- August 16 – First Day of School, Grades PreK-9
- August 17 – First Day of School, Grade 10-12

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Approved the minutes of the July 5, 2016 meeting.
- Approved the Treasurer’s Report, which included the bank reconciliation summary report, monthly cash summary report, year to date cash summary report, budget summary of funds, transfers, and security pledges.
- Approved payment of claims.
- Approved credit card summary account statements.
- Approved activity fund account statements.
- Approved a partnership agreement with the YMCA for the learn to swim program.

## ACTION ITEMS

The Board reaffirmed the following policies, as presented:

- Policy IA – Philosophy
- Policy IB – School Site Councils
- Policy IC – Academic Program
- Policy ICA – Pilot Projects
- Policy ICAA – Teaching Methods
- Policy ID – Instructional Program
- Policy IDAA – Special Programs
- Policy IDAB – Support Programs
- Policy IDAC – Exceptional Programs
- Policy IDACA – Special Education Services
- Policy IDACB – Accommodations of Students

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION**

The Board reviewed the following policies as a first reading:

- Policy DFAB – Standard of Conduct for Federally Funded Contracts (Food Service)-New
- Policy IDAD – Title I Programs
- Policy IDCE – College Classes
- Policy IDFA – Athletics
- Policy IE – Instructional Arrangements
- Policy IEB – Charter Schools
- Policy IF – Textbooks, Instructional Materials and Media Centers
- Policy IFBH – Outside Speakers
- Policy IFC – Community Resources
- Policy IFCB – Field Trips

These policies will be brought back to the next meeting for further review and approval.

### **Budget Presentation**

Business Manager Lori Lanter provided an overview of the 2016 – 2017 budget. Overall, the proposed budget will decrease 2.403 mills, for a total proposed mill levy of 54.535. This takes into consideration the general fund (20 mill state levy), supplemental general fund (maintaining same LOB dollars from previous years results in 3.04 mill levy decrease due to state aid increase), capital outlay fund (authorized at 5 mills and levying at 5 mills), and with a proposed bond and interest mill levy increase from 13.194 to 13.826.

The Board authorized publication of the budget and established the budget hearing to be held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Community Room.

### **Board Self-Evaluation Action Plan**

The Board discussed the results of their recent Board Self-Evaluation session. Areas of strength include Policy, Finance, Board Members, Meetings of the Board, and Board/Superintendent Relations. Areas of focus to improve included 1) Vision and Planning by improving the indicator “two-way conversation with the community,” and 2) Vision and Planning by improving the indicator by evaluate progress and goals.

Superintendent Susan Myers submitted a action plan to address the areas of focus as a first reading. The Board will take final action on the plan at the September board meeting. The Board asked that the action plan be placed on the BOE meeting agenda quarterly when meetings are held at the BOE.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into executive session to discuss negotiations to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract; and to discuss personnel matters on non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual (s) to be discussed.

### **PERSONNEL**

The Board accepted the following **Resignations**:

- Katelyn Hutchens – Paraeducator, effective 7-13-16
- Alaina Hildman – Paraeducator, effective 7-13-16



